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STATEMENT

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Statement from Lt. Governor Peter Kinder Regarding Partial Birth Abortion Ban

"I applaud the decision handed down today by the United States Supreme Court. The vast majority of Missourians are appalled that this atrocious procedure has been allowed to continue until now. This judgment will help protect more innocent human life, terminating the practice of an offensive method of abortion that has proven most dangerous to women's health.

Beginning in 1996, I led the fight against partial birth abortion while in the Missouri Senate. We were finally successful in overriding Governor Carnahan's veto of this bill in 1999. The Missouri Supreme Court's ill-fated decision to throw out this law has now been corrected by the highest court in our country. Today, I rejoice with Republicans and Democrats, men and women, mothers-to-be, and the innocent unborn as this unspeakable medical procedure will never again be performed in our country."